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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6431

BILL NUMBER: SB 84

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 14, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Feb 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Confidentiality of Motor Vehicle Accident Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that, with certain exceptions, a motor vehicle accident report is confidential for 30 days after the date of the accident. The bill also provides that a person who obtains or attempts to obtain an accident report or draft accident report in violation of the law commits a Class A infraction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) By making motor vehicle accident reports confidential for 30 days after the date of an automobile accident, this bill may decrease requests for motor vehicle accident reports. The Indiana State Police (ISP) reports that as of December 2010, the ISP maintains a contract with Open Portal Solutions to operate the state's Vehicle Crash Records System. The contractor retains 100% of the revenues from the sale of crash reports and crash data as remuneration for the contracted services.

If the number of motor vehicle accident report requests decrease in the state, this bill may impact the contracting for motor vehicle accident reports requests and, subsequently, may alter the amount of revenue the state receives for motor vehicle accident report requests. Under the current contract, there would be no change in state revenue.

(Revised) *Penalty Provision:* The maximum judgment for a Class A infraction is \$10,000, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

State Agencies Affected: ISP.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

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